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BATMAN

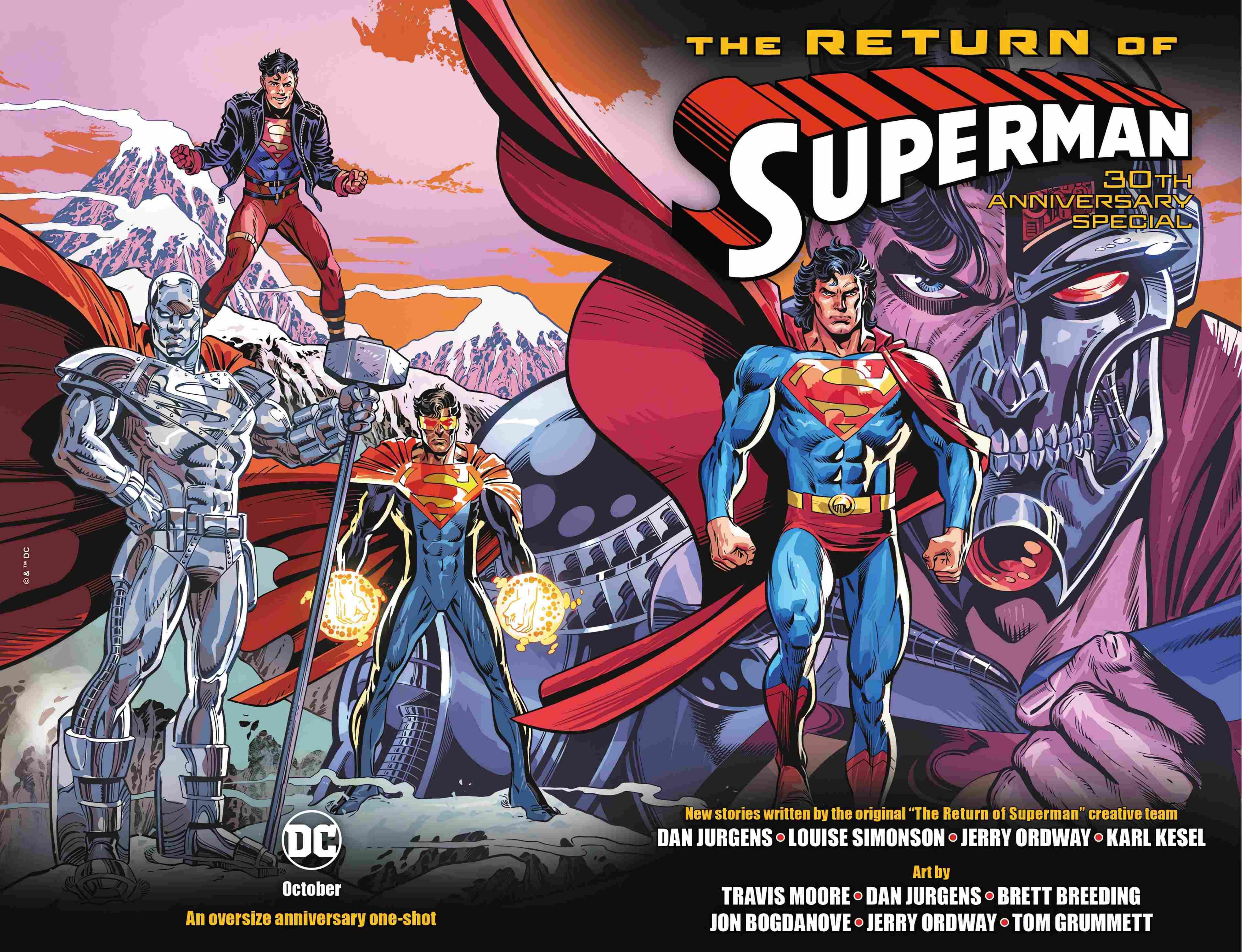
BEYOND

NEO-GOthic



13+
TEEN

BURIED BY THE BATMAN BENEATH!





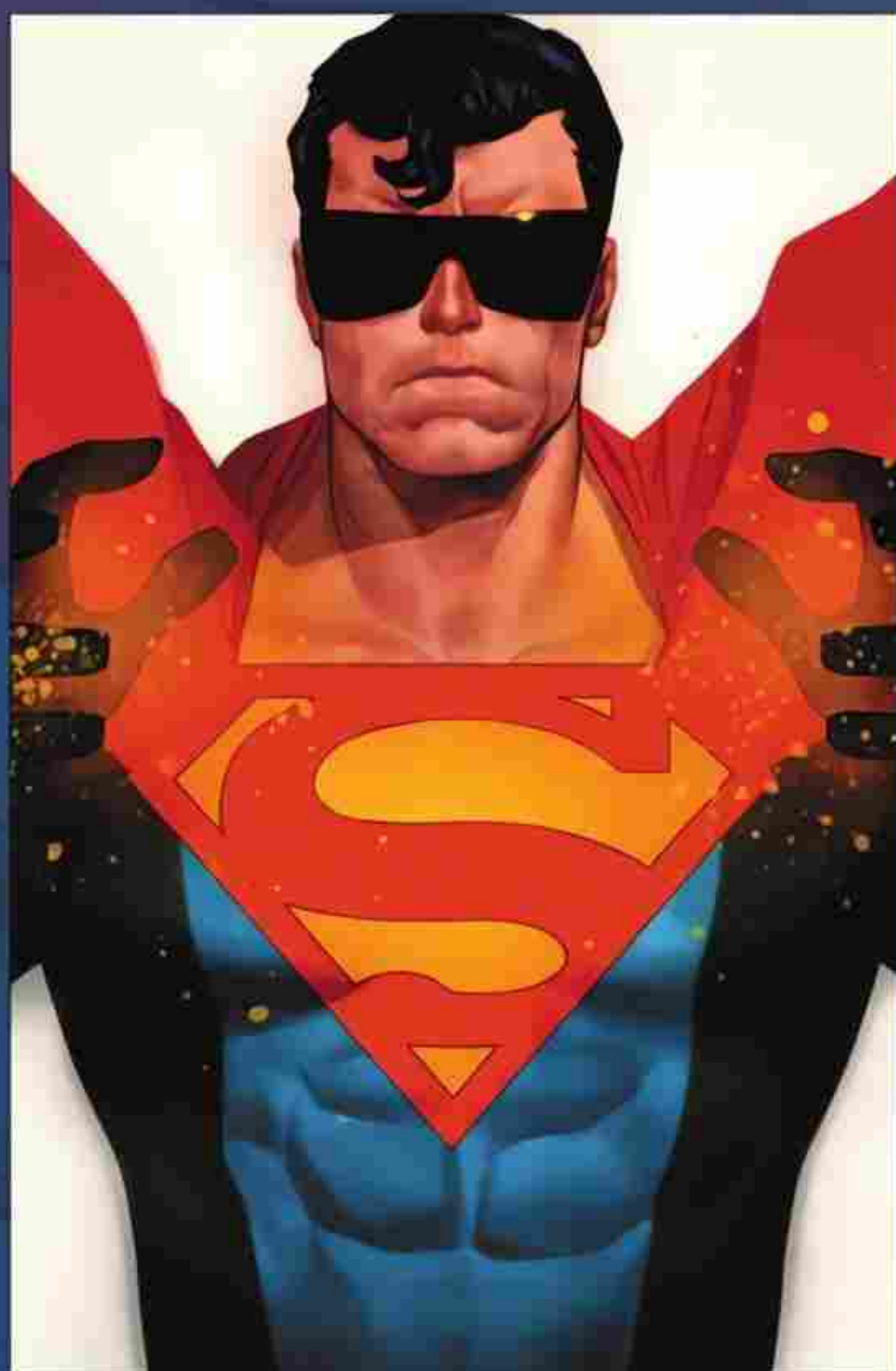
THE RETURN OF

SUPERMAN

30TH
ANNIVERSARY
SPECIAL

CELEBRATE THE
30TH ANNIVERSARY
WITH THESE ICONIC
VARIANT COVERS

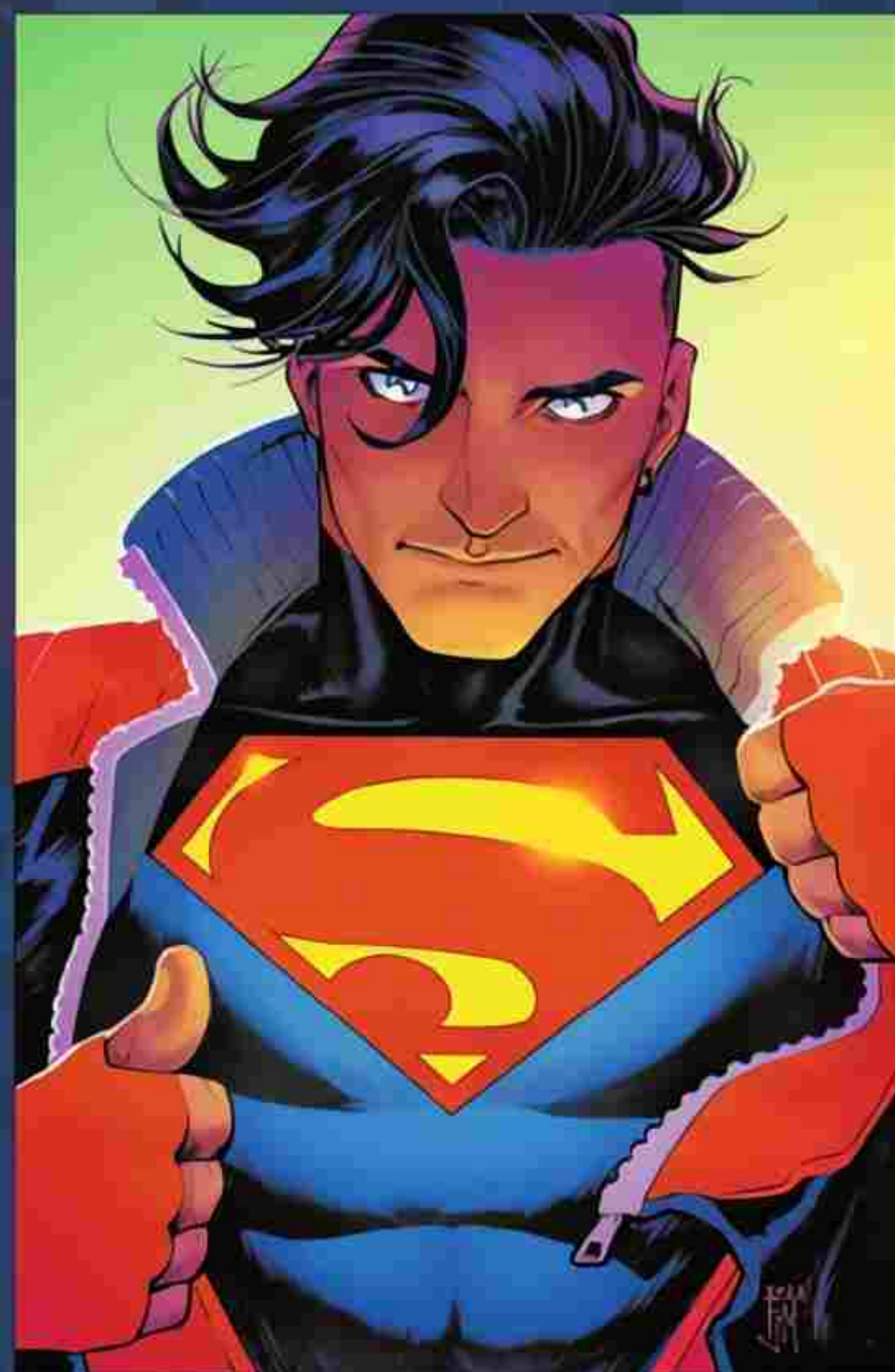
COLLECT ALL THE VARIANT COVERS HONORING
THE MAN OF STEEL'S ICONIC RETURN.



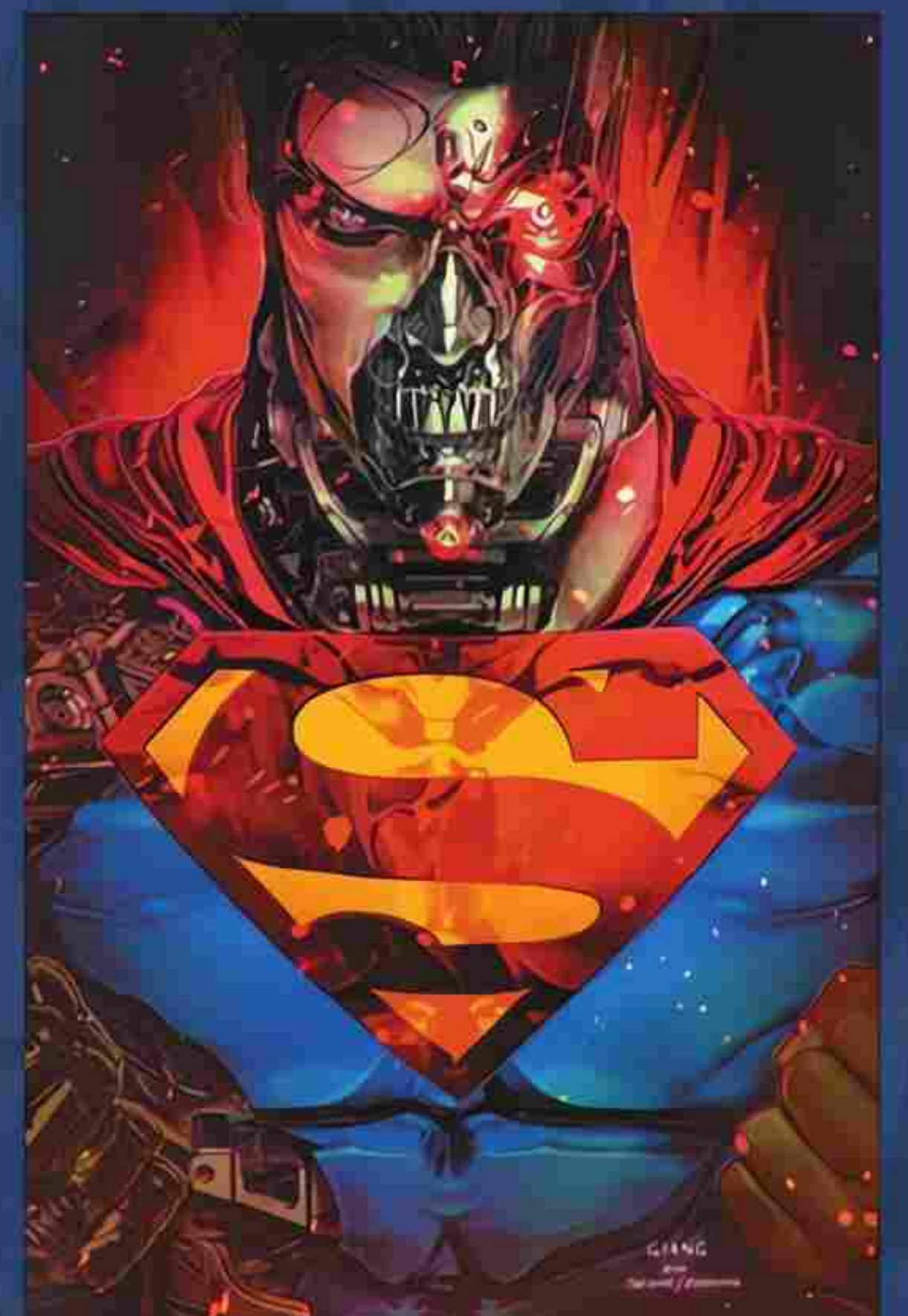
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Superboy by **FRANCIS MANAPUL**



Cyborg Superman by **JOHN GIANG**



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1:50 cover by **JON BOGDANOVE**

October

WINGS CLIPPED. YOU'RE FALLING.



COMING HOME. INTO THE DARK.



UNWANTED.



IS HE? HE IS? HERE IS WHERE?



IN THE CAVE, WHERE BAT'S SHOULD FLY.

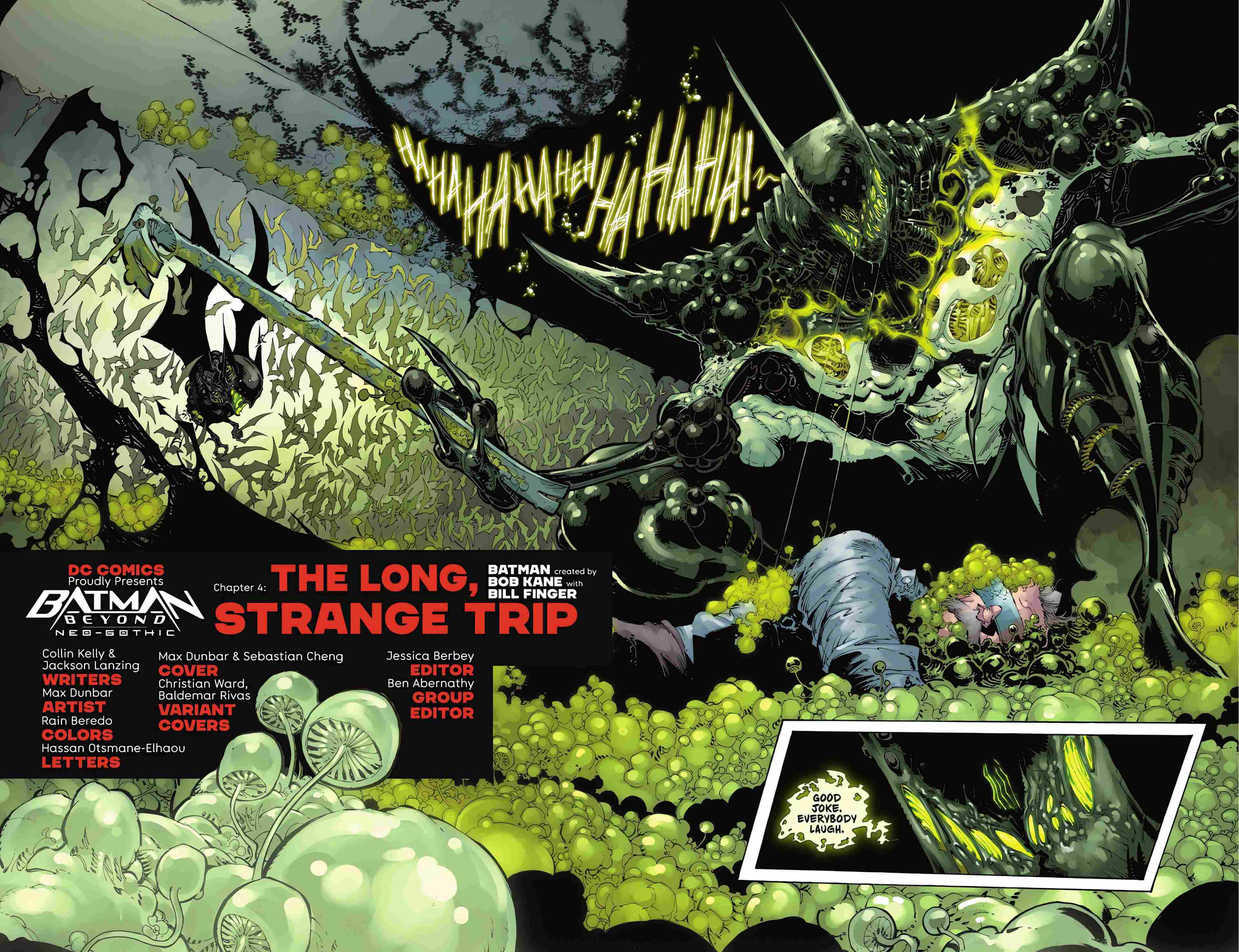


IN THE DARK, WHERE BAT'S SHOULD SEE.



BUT YOU'RE BLIND.





HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!



GOOD JOKE. EVERYBODY LAUGH.

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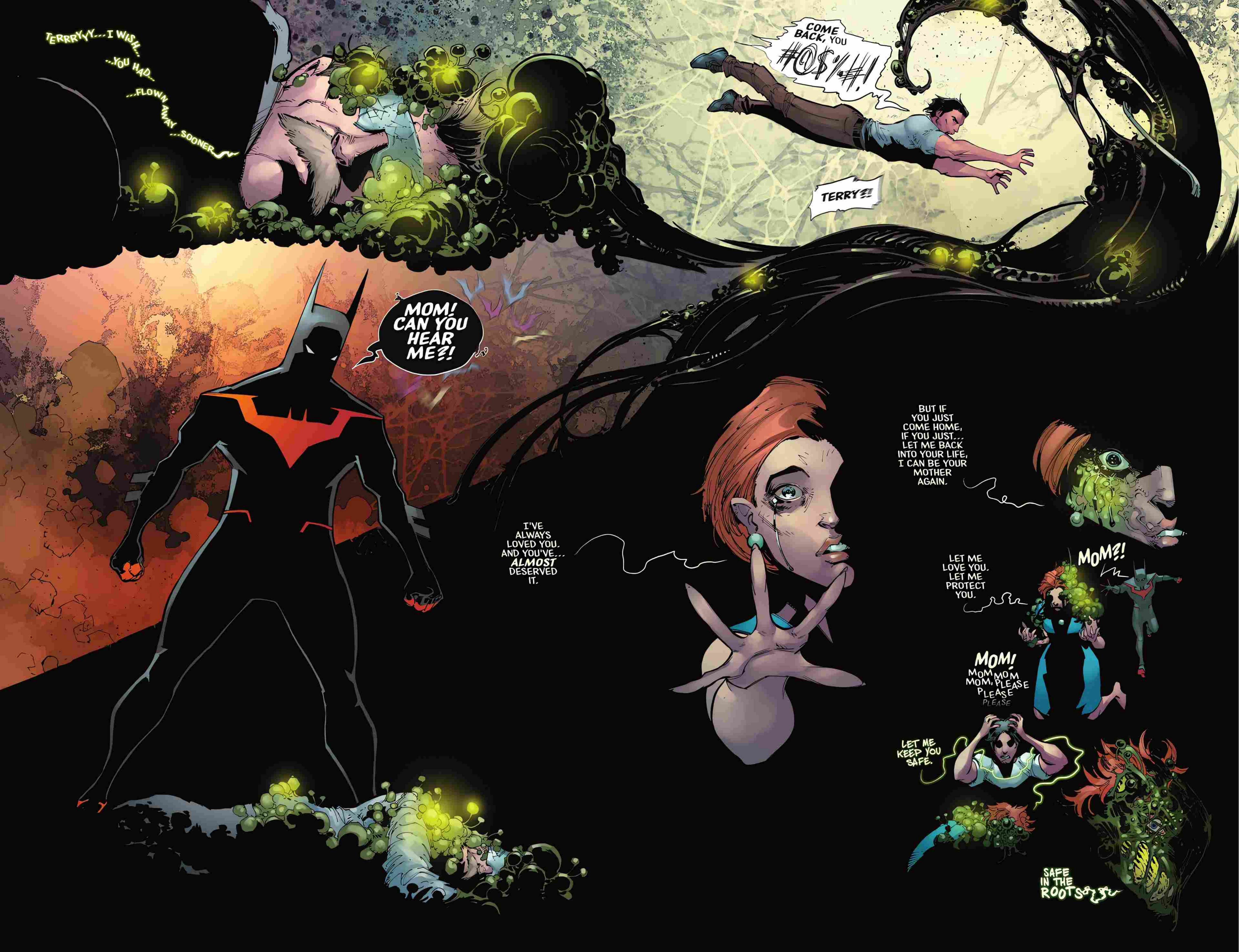
Chapter 4: **THE LONG, STRANGE TRIP**

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TERRYYY...I WISH...
...YOU HAD...
...FLOWN AWAY...SOONER...

COME
BACK, YOU
#0\$%#!
TERRY!!

MOM!
CAN YOU
HEAR
ME?!

I'VE
ALWAYS
LOVED YOU.
AND YOU'VE...
ALMOST
DESERVED
IT.

BUT IF
YOU JUST
COME HOME,
IF YOU JUST...
LET ME BACK
INTO YOUR LIFE,
I CAN BE YOUR
MOTHER
AGAIN.

LET ME
LOVE YOU.
LET ME
PROTECT
YOU.

MOM!
MOM MOM
MOM, PLEASE
PLEASE
PLEASE

LET ME
KEEP YOU
SAFE.

MOM?!

SAFE
IN THE
ROOTS



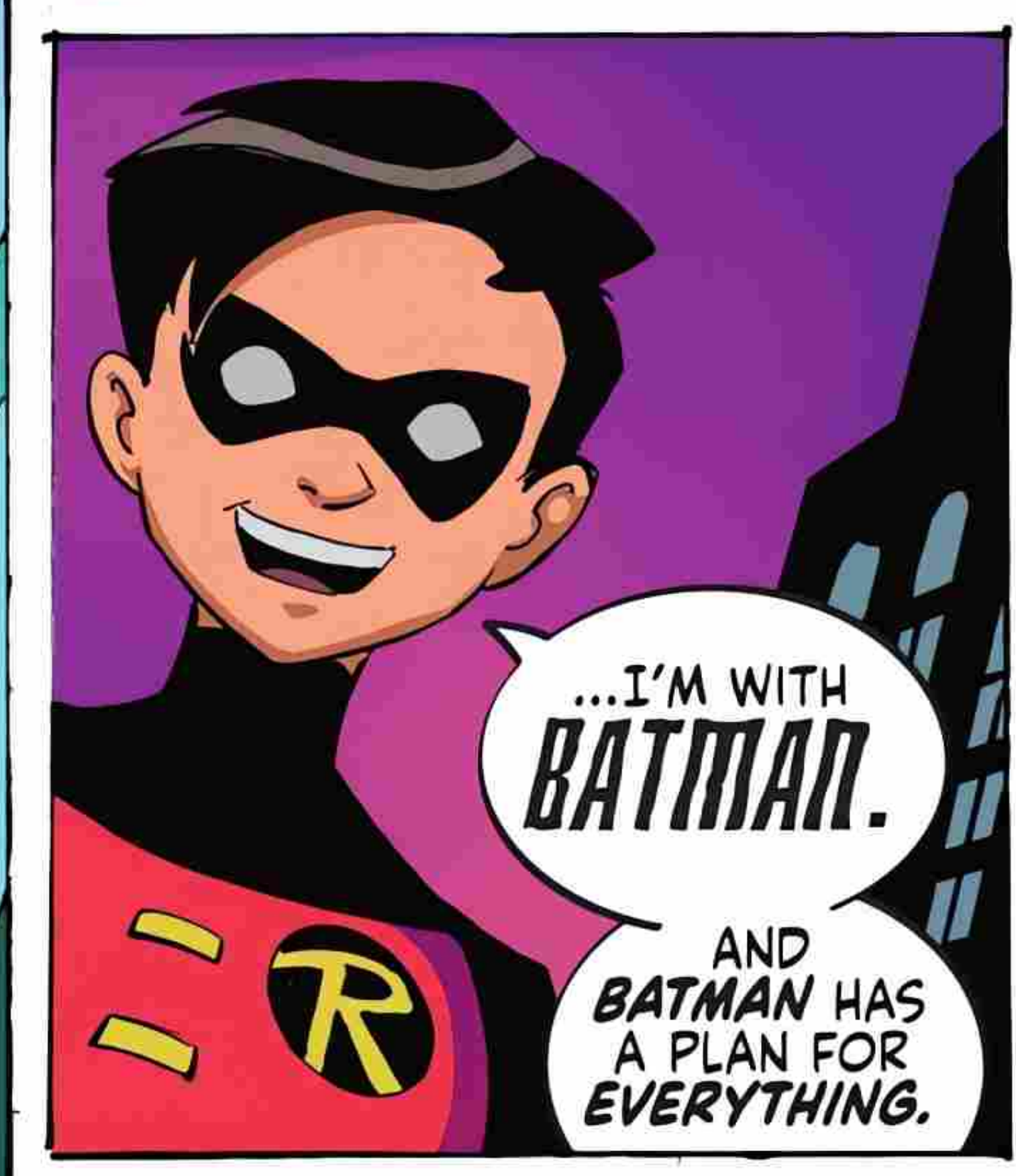
MATT,
WHAT ARE
YOU--

TERRY,
COME ON,
YOU KNOW I'M
NOT "MATT"
WHEN I'M ON
PATROL.

YOU CAN
CALL ME
**ROBIN,
THE BOY
WONDER!**

MATT,
LISTEN TO ME
VERY CLOSELY.
PLEASE. THIS
ISN'T SAFE
FOR YOU.

Ah jeez,
TERRY,
DON'T BE
SUCH A
DREG!



...I'M WITH
BATMAN.

AND
BATMAN HAS
A PLAN FOR
EVERYTHING.



HE DOESN'T.
MATT, HE DOESN'T.
I DON'T. I CAN'T
KEEP YOU SAFE,
OR MOM SAFE,
OR DAD--



--WELL,
OF COURSE
NOT DAD.
YOU GOT HIM
KILLED.

LUCKILY,
YOU REPLACED
HIM QUICK!



THERE'S
ALWAYS
ANOTHER
ORPHAN.



WE
PROTECT THE
LITTLE
CHILDREN.

PROTECT
THEM FROM
SIN.

THE
ROT IS
YOUR
CITY.

THE ROT
IS YOUR
HEART.

DANA!
DANA, GET
OUT OF
HERE!

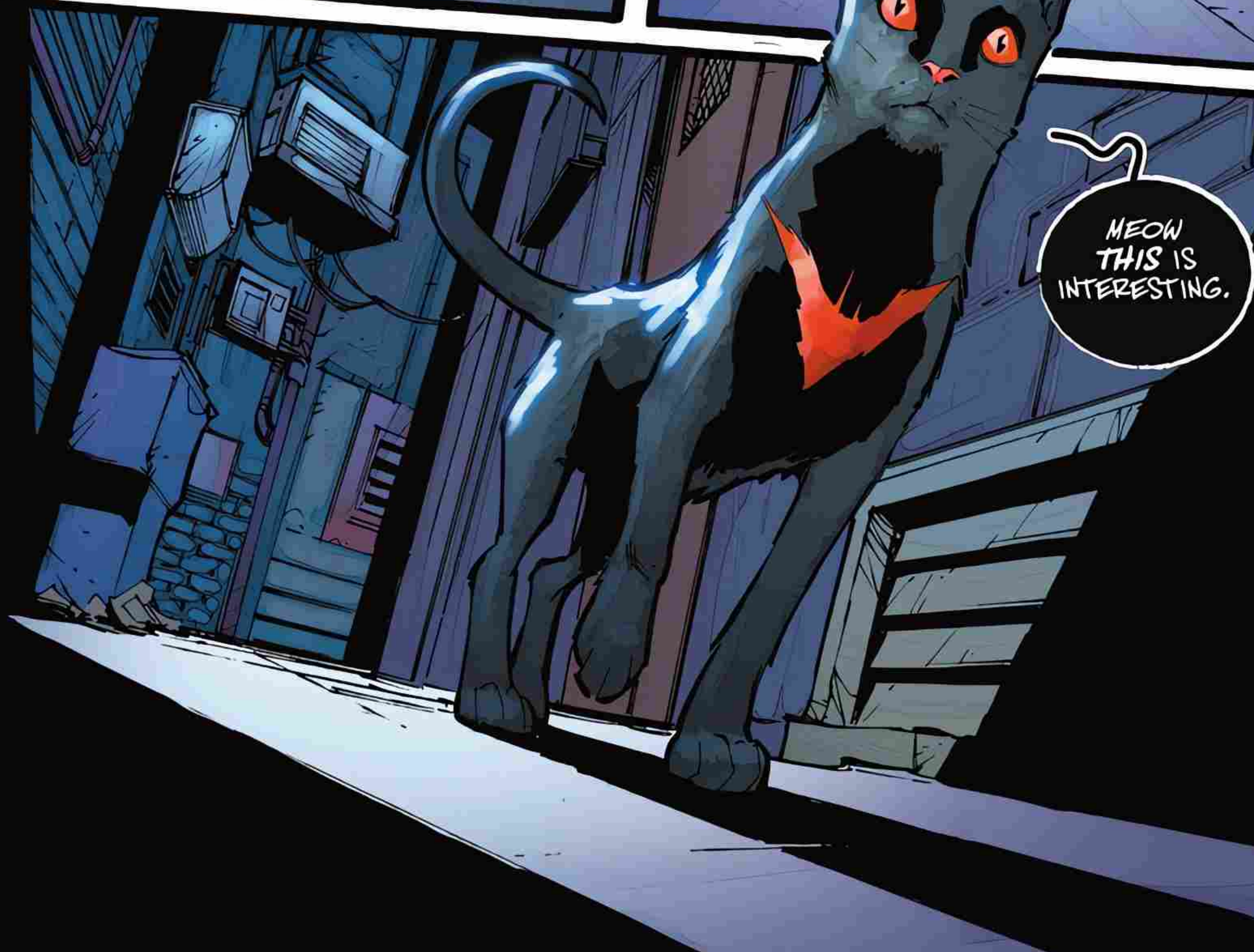
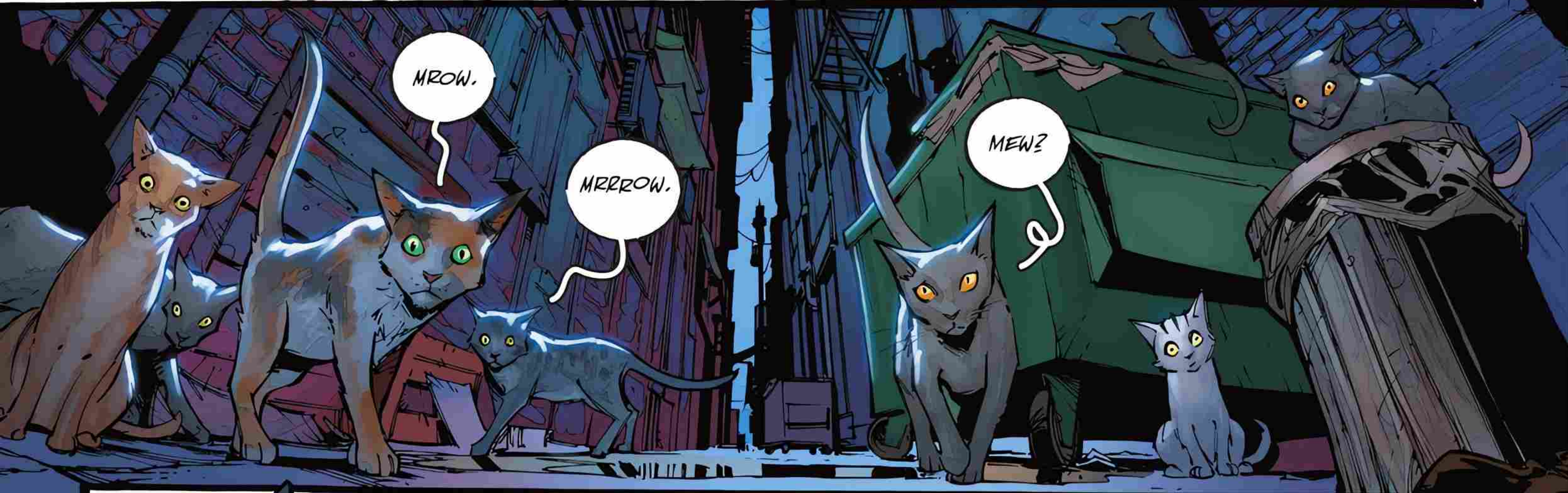
TERRY?
TERRY, I'VE
MISSED YOU
SO MUCH!

DANA!

NO, NO!
PLEASE, DON'T
DO THIS TO
HER!

THERE'S NO ONE
ELSE HERE, SILLY.

JUST
THE
EMPTY
SPACE
WHERE
I USED
TO BE.





MEOW.

KYLE?
MY PSYCHEDELIC
EXPERIENCE MUST SOMEHOW
BE BLEEDING INTO HIS.
SOMEHOW WE ARE
SHARING MEMORIES.

ALSO,
I AM A
CAT.

MY MINX?
YOU THINK
YOU CAN **BUNT**
UP ON MY
SELINA?

HE'S
JUST A
KITTEN,
JUST A
LITTLE
GUY.

I'M
GETTING
BIGGER!
I CAN
HUNT!

SCRAPS.
AND **TRASH.**



BUT WHAT
CAN YOU DO
RIGHT
MROW?

...WHATEVER
THE COLONY
NEEDS. I GOT
CLAWS. I
CAN **FIGHT.**

ALL OF
US CAN
FIGHT, LITTLE
KIT. WE FIGHT
EVERY DAY.
FOR EVERY
BIT OF LIFE.
FOR EVERY
SKRITCH.



THE TRICK IS...
CAN YOU
SURVIVE?



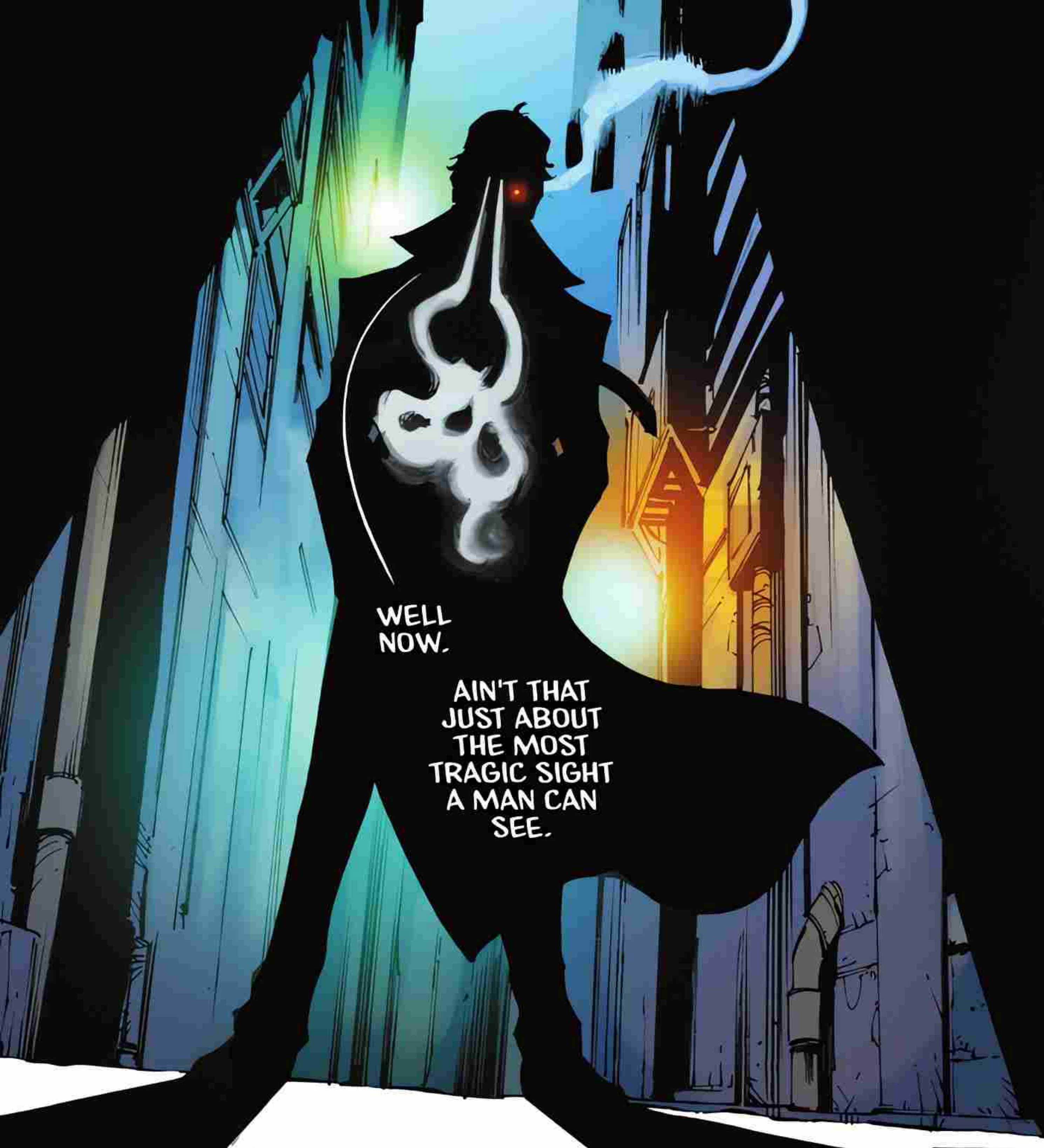


KYLE!
GET UP!
RUN!

LEAVE
HIM ALONE!
STOP!

STOP!

THERE'S
ALWAYS
ANOTHER
ORPHAN.



WELL
NOW.

AIN'T THAT
JUST ABOUT
THE MOST
TRAGIC SIGHT
A MAN CAN
SEE.



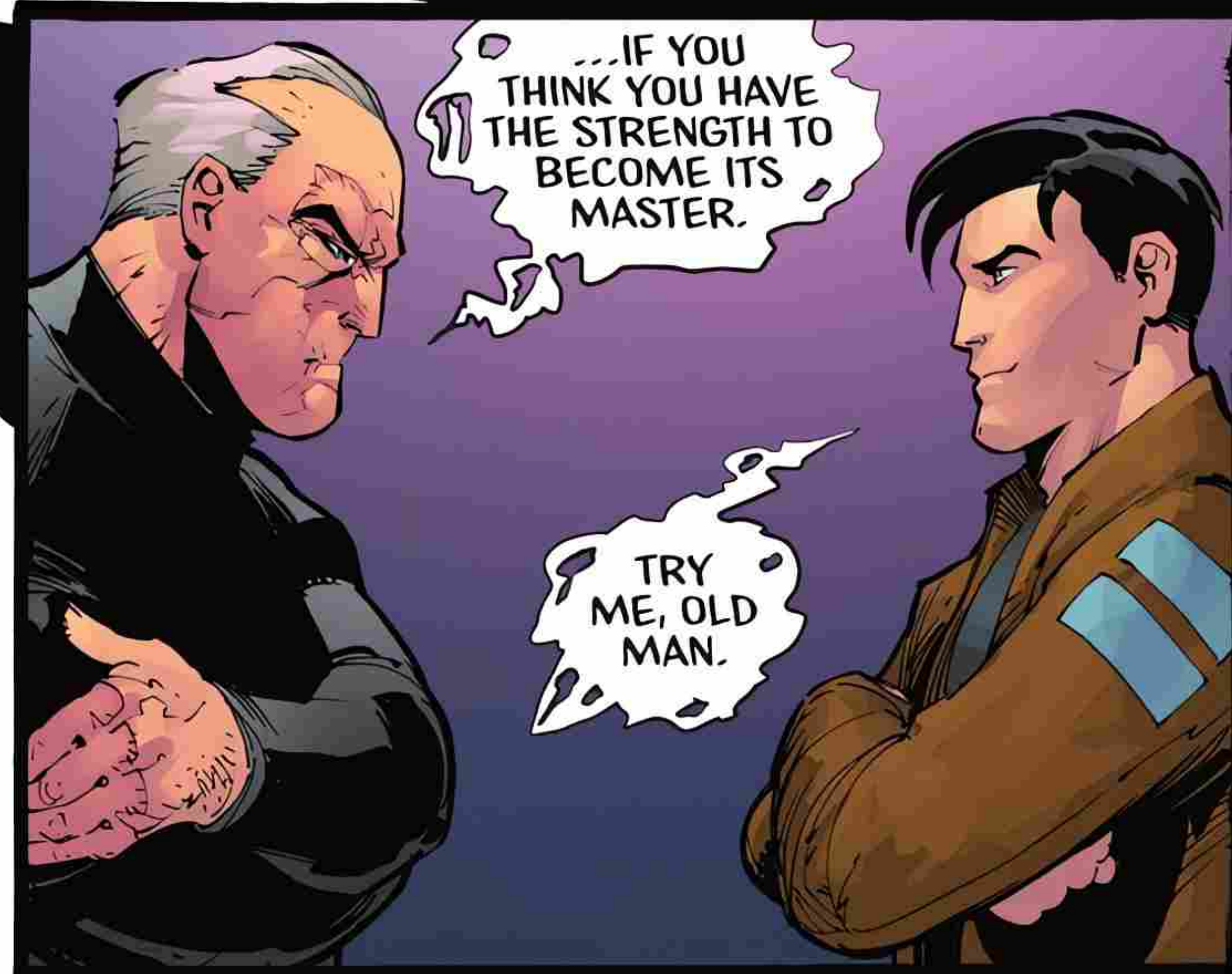
LOOKS
LIKE THE
WORLD DEALT
YOU A ROUGH
ONE, LITTLE
SPLICER.

LUCKY FOR
YOU, I THINK THE
WORLD DESERVES
TO BE **KICKED IN
THE BOLLOCKS.**



CAN YOU...
CAN YOU TEACH
ME HOW TO
DO THAT?

THAT
AND **MORE**,
MY MANGY
STRAY. THAT
IS...



...IF YOU
THINK YOU HAVE
THE STRENGTH TO
BECOME ITS
MASTER.

TRY
ME, OLD
MAN.



RIGHT,
SQUIRE.

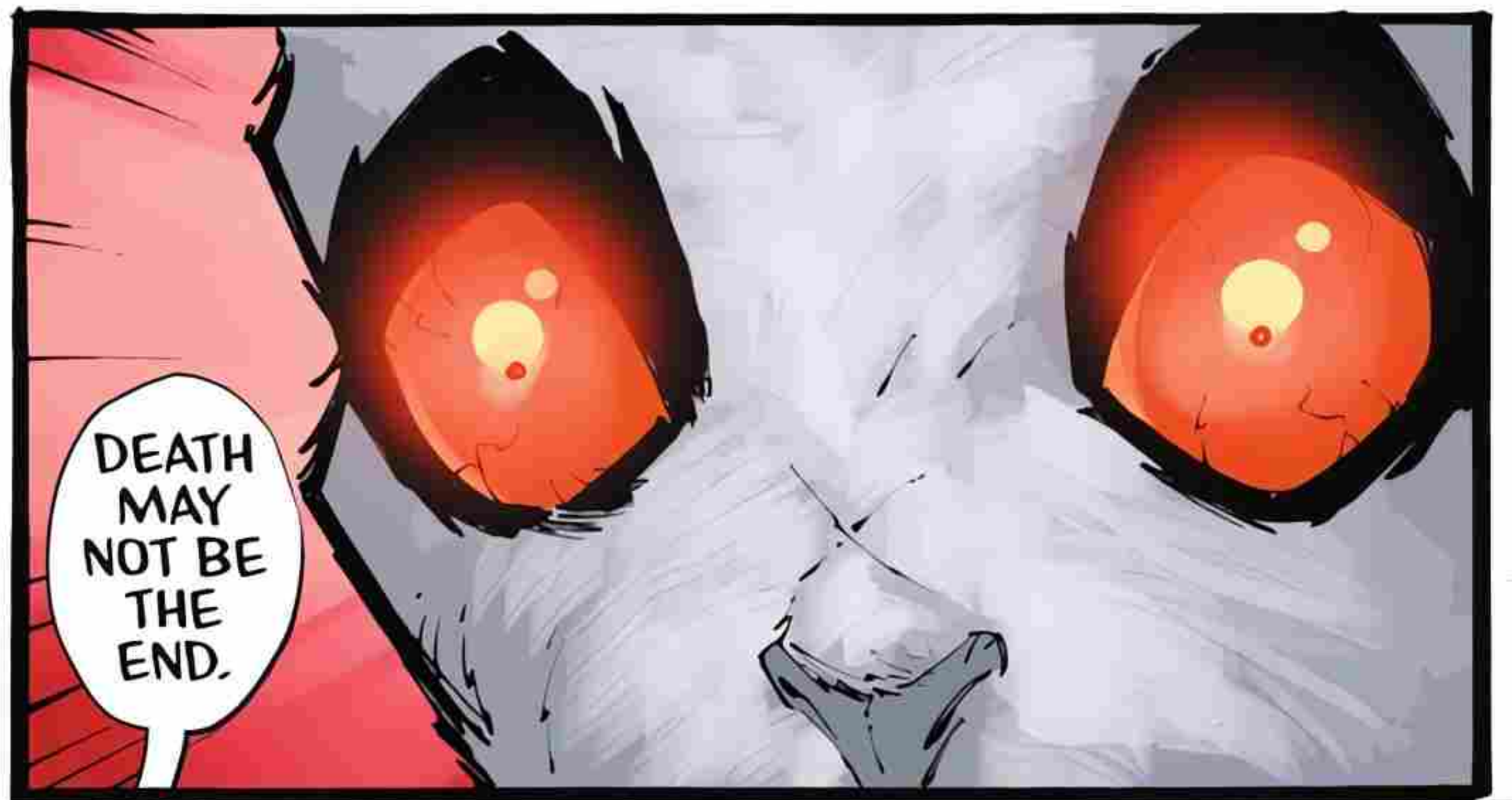
THAT
I WILL.

LESSON
THE
FIRST.



DEATH IS
NOT THE
END.







JOHN!

WHAT'S
HAPPENING
TO ME?!

WHAT
DID YOU
DO?!

SUMMONED **THE GARDEN**.
OLD MAGIC IN THIS PLACE.
BEEN HERE FOREVER,
ONE WAY OR THE
OTHER.

I MEANT
TO ME,
DIRTBAG!

YOU DON'T GET AS
OLD AS ME WITHOUT
LEVERAGING YOUR SOUL
A **FEW TIMES**
OVER, KIDDO.

IF I DIE WITH
ALL THOSE CURSES
ON ME, MY SOUL'LL
GET SPLIT BETWEEN A
HUNDRED DEMONS AND
A THOUSAND ANGELS.

EVERYBODY
IN THE DAMN
MULTIVERSE'LL
GET THEIR
PIECE.

NOTHING
BUT **TORMENT**
FOR OLD JOHN
CONSTANTINE.

YOU...

...YOU
GAVE ME
YOUR
CURSES.

BUT I ALSO
GAVE YOU
MAGIC.

FAIR
TRADE,
SAYS
I.

NOW STOP
THE MEWLING
AND LET ME
DIE.

I'LL
MAKE GREAT
FERTILIZER,
ME.



THE ROOTS SCREAM OUT REGRET.



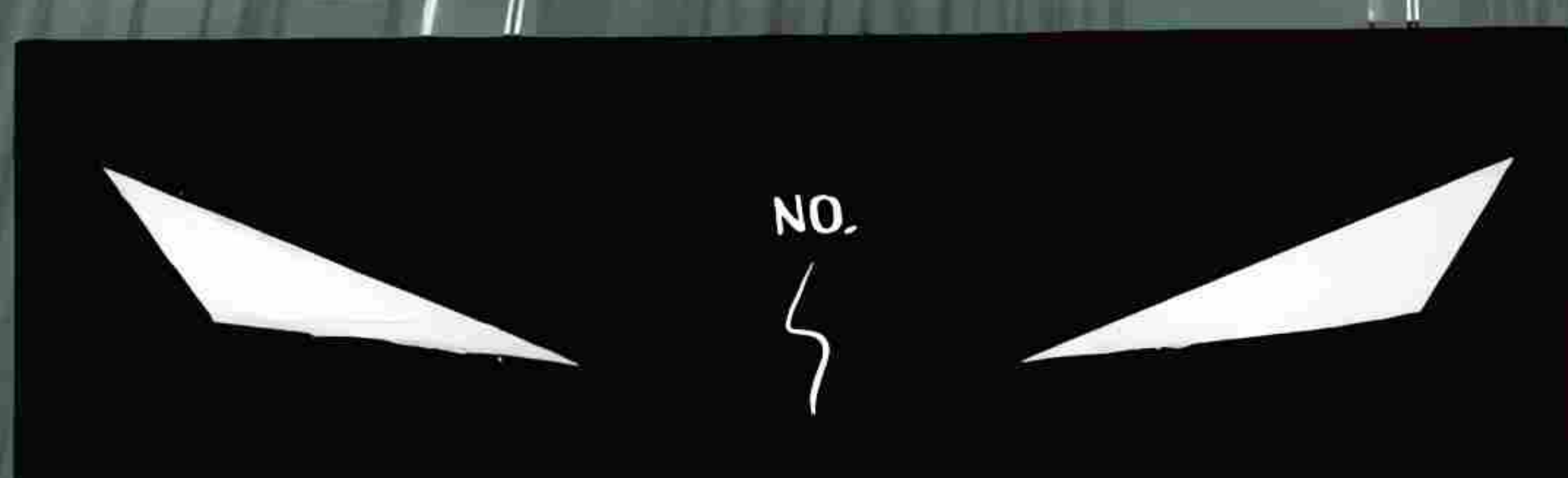
THE CHILD'S NAME, CURSED. HIS INNOCENCE, TARNISHED.



JUST LIKE YOUR FAMILY. JUST LIKE YOUR FRIENDS.



I COME FOR THEM ALL.





THERE'S
DEATH IN THE
ROOTS!

I WILL
CONSUME
EVERYTHING
YOU LOVE!



LOVE IS
FEARLESS.



LOVE IS
GRIEF!



EVENTUALLY.



BUT THAT
JUST MAKES IT
STRONGER.



KYLE,
WE'RE NOT IN
YOUR MEMORY.
AND HE'S NOT
REAL.

WE'RE STILL
UNDER THE CITY,
YOU AND ME,
FURTHER DOWN THAN
WE'VE EVER BEEN.
THAN **ANYONE**
HAS.

AND WE'RE
TOGETHER.

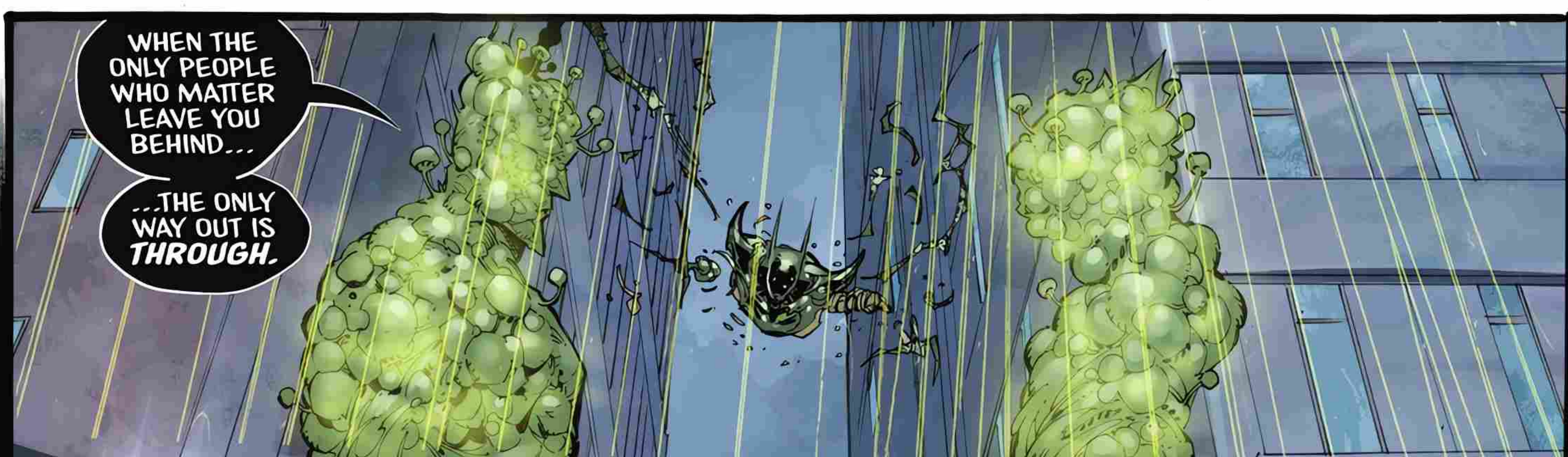


THOSE KIDS?
THEY STILL NEED
ME. YOU WANT JOHN
CONSTANTINE? HE'S
STILL DOWN HERE
SOMEWHERE.

OUR JOB
ISN'T DONE...
AND WE DON'T
NEED TO GIVE
THIS PLACE
OUR MINDS.

I CAN'T...
TERRY...
I CAN'T
FIGHT IT.

IT'S
NOT ABOUT
FIGHTING,
KYLE.



WHEN THE
ONLY PEOPLE
WHO MATTER
LEAVE YOU
BEHIND...

...THE ONLY
WAY OUT IS
THROUGH.



DON'T BE
AFRAID.

THE PAST'S
A SHADOW.



BUT
WE'RE THE
NIGHT.

FINALLY. THROUGH ROOT AND THICKET, YOU COME.



A CORRUPTION THAT CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO FLOWER.



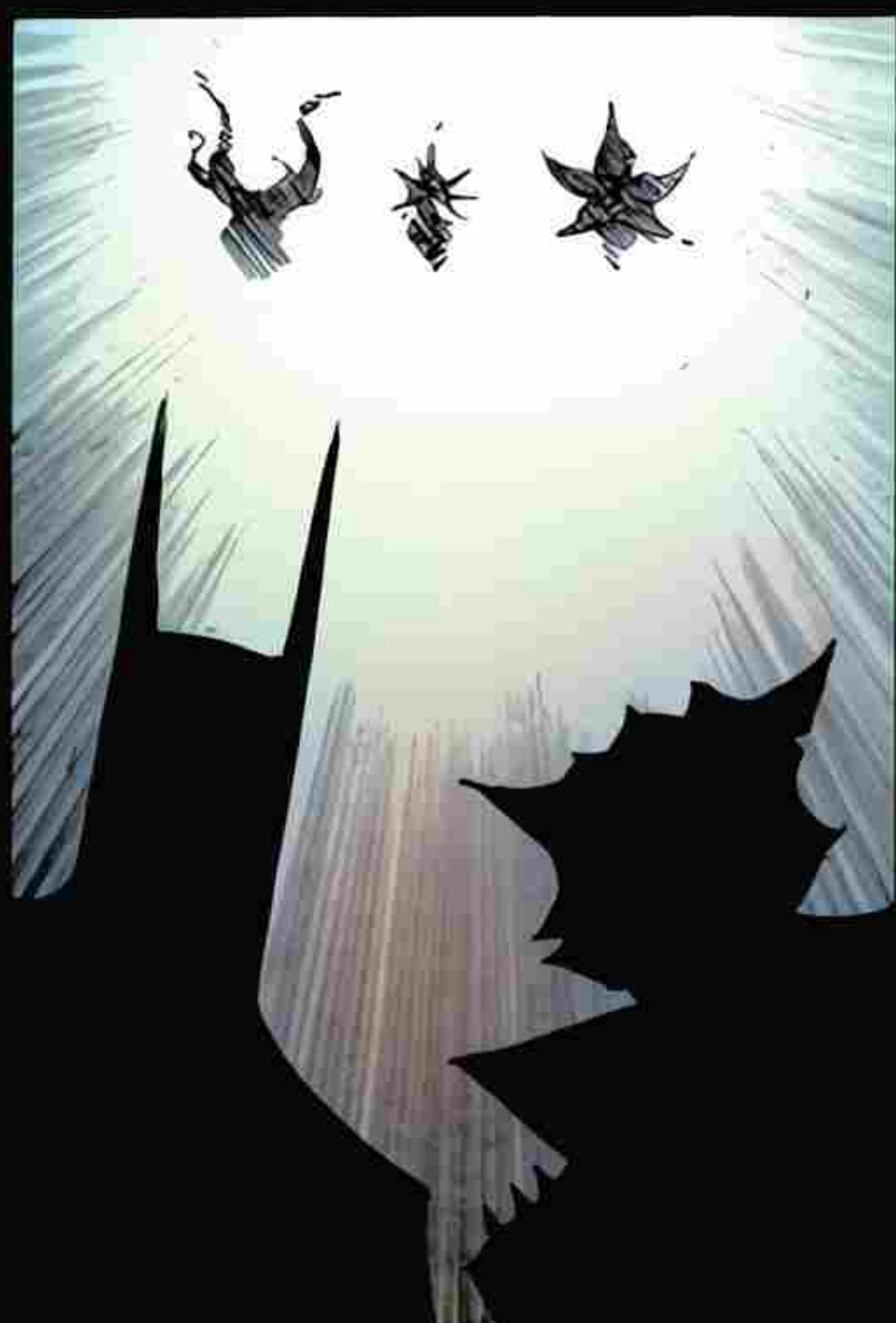
YOU HEAR THAT?

BUT THE BAT-THING...
HE'S DEAD...

WE ARE NOT **THE BATMAN**.



HE WAS AN ECHO ABOVE. A BROADCAST OF A DECAYING SIGNAL, LONG DEAD.



WE ARE THE GARDEN.

WE ARE THE PROTECTORS
OF INNOCENCE.

WE ARE WHAT WILL COME
AFTER THE FALL.



WE ARE **THE ROOTS**.



WE
ARE YOUR
DEATH.

NEXT:

**WAR IN THE
GARDEN!**

★ **CORRUPTED! ABANDONED!** ★
THE DARK KNIGHT FIGHTS FOR HIS LIFE IN A GOTHAM UNDER SIEGE



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A 5-PART
BIWEEKLY STORY
OCTOBER

JUSTICE LEAGUE VS. GODZILLA VS. KONG

INTERVIEW WITH ARTIST CHRISTIAN DUCE

The creatures from Legendary's Monsterverse have invaded the DC Universe! Get ready for iconic matchups between heroes and beasts as all-out war rages through the DCU. This week, we sat down with artist Christian Duce to uncover what we can expect from this crossover, debuting in October and written by Brian Buccellato.

Fans know your work on DC characters—how much of a Godzilla and Kong fan were you coming into this series?

I grew up loving the Godzilla animated series and the Super Friends when I was a kid in the '80s. During this time I also dreamed about becoming an artist. So as an adult, having the opportunity to draw all these characters makes the younger version of me very happy!



Brian Buccellato has carefully crafted a story that brings these two mega-franchises crashing together. What's it like collaborating with him on this series?

Brian is a great writer! I love the way he sees everything and the techniques he uses to make the story come alive. I have to also mention the colorist on the project, Luis Guerrero, as his work is unbelievably good! Also, our editor, Ben Abernathy, "the director of the symphony," has been fantastic. It's an honor for me to work with this amazing team.

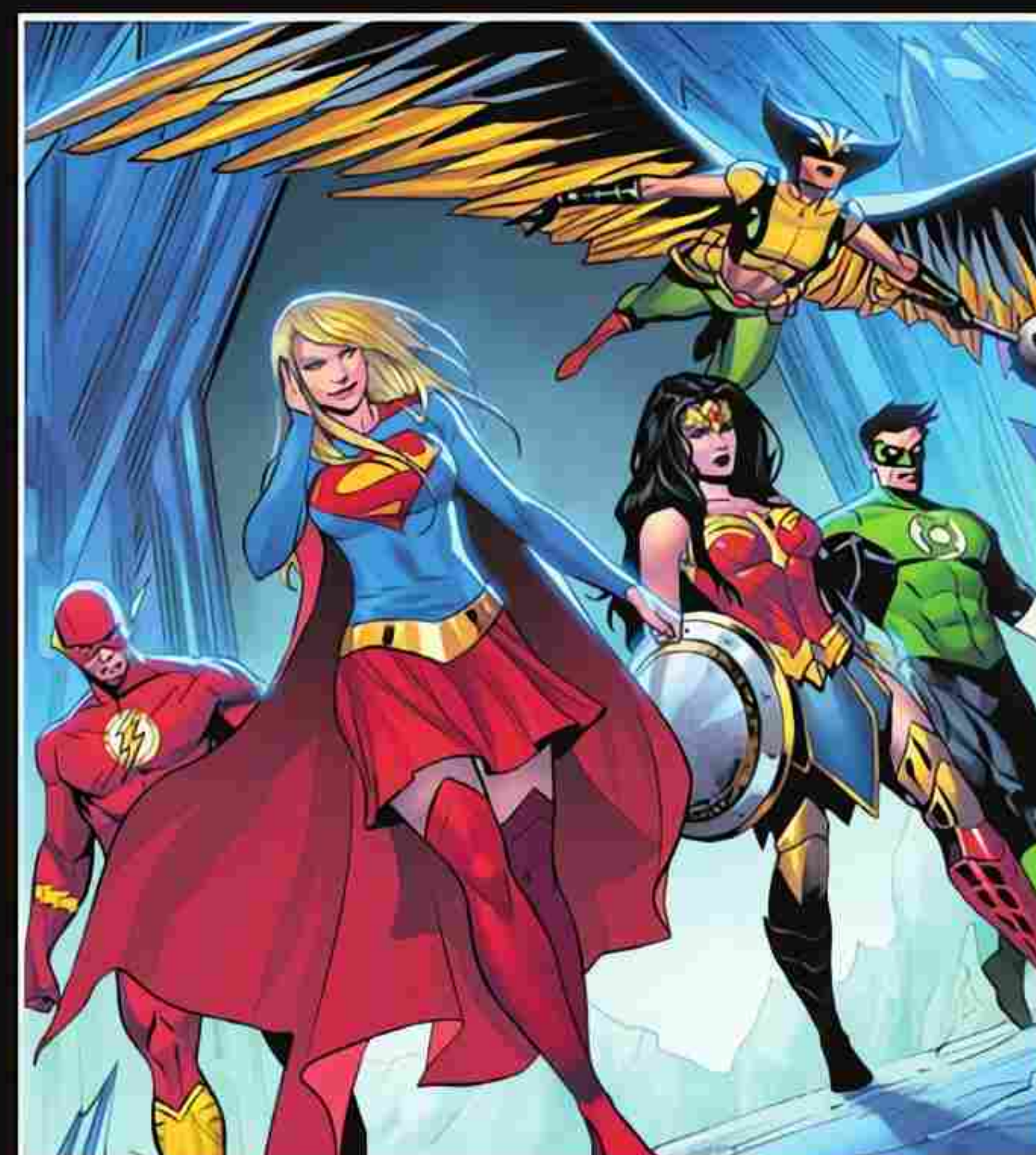


Which matchup between hero and monster are you most excited to draw?

It's difficult for me to choose, believe me... but I think that drawing Superman versus Godzilla is what I enjoy the most.

What was it like balancing the art style between two different universes in one series?

The hardest part is to keep the scale consistent. As an artist I have to find a way to map out interesting shots of *huge* monsters balanced against smaller heroes. I have to think a lot about the way to tell the story, but so far I feel very comfortable with it.



Do you have a favorite page or panel from the first issue?

The two-page spread where we see Godzilla appearing for the first time. It was the beginning of everything!

DON'T MISS JUSTICE LEAGUE VS. GODZILLA VS. KONG, ON SALE THIS OCTOBER!

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